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SUBJECT: GOE MINISTER OPTIMISTIC THAT ANDEAN PACT JUNTA WILL WORK
OUT COMPROMISE

1. THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE ANDEAN PACT JUNTA DEPARTED
ECUADOR ON FEBRUARY 11 AFTER A TWO-DAY VISIT DURING WHICH THEY
MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE GOE SUPREME COUNCIL, OTHER LEADING
GOE OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL PRIVATE ENTER-
PRISES. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTURE
COORDINATOR SALVADOR LLUCH SAID THE PACT IS FACING ITS
GRAVEST CRISIS TO DATE, BUT HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT IT
WOULD BE OVERCOME, AND HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED
ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT FROM THE GOE SUPREME COUNCIL. IN
RESPONSE TO JOURNALISTS' QUESTIONS, HE DENIED THAT COLOMBIA
AND CHILE ARE HINDERING PROGRESS OF THE PACT.

2. THE JUNTA MEMBERS SPENT MUCH OF THEIR TIME HERE

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CONFERRING WITH THE GOE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE

AND INTEGRATION, GALO MONTANO (WHO UNTIL ABOUT A YEAR AGO WAS A TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO THE ANDEAN PACT FOR SEVERAL YEARS DURING WHICH HE RESIDED IN LIMA). ON FEBRUARY 12, MONTANO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE JUNTA'S VISIT. HE SAID THAT THE PROPOSALS DISCUSSED BY THE JUNTA FOR OVERCOMING THE CURRENT CRISIS IN THE PACT SEEM "CONCILIATORY" TO HIM; "THIS CIRCUMSTANCE, COUPLED WITH THE JUNTA'S REPORTS CONCERNING THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA, PERMIT US TO BE OPTIMISTIC THAT THE NEW WORK CYCLE OF THE COMMISSION, WHICH WILL OPEN IN THE CAPITAL OF PERU ON FEBRUARY 27, WILL BE SUCCESSFUL," MONTANO COMMENTED.

3. MONTANO WENT ON TO SAY THAT, "AS A DEMONSTRATION OF GOOD WILL", THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMING LIMA MEETING SHOULD APPROVE THE AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM, AND SHOULD DECIDE "THE BASIC NORMS CONNECTED WITH THIS MANUFACTURING SECTOR, INSPIRING NEW DYNAMISM TO THE PROGRESS OF THE PACT." MONTANO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA HAD INVITED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO COME TO CARACAS TO DISCUSS THE AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM PRIOR TO THE LIMA MEETING. THE MINISTER ANNOUNCED THAT ECUADOR HAD ACCEPTED AND IN FACT HAD ALREADY, ON FEBRUARY 12, DISPATCHED TWO OFFICIALS OF HIS MINISTRY'S DIRECTORATE OF INTEGRATION TO CARACAS.

4. THE MINISTER ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE ECUADOREAN DELEGATION TO THE LIMA MEETING WILL CONSIST OF HIMSELF; THE UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIST JOSE LARREA; AND DR. FRANCISCO ROSALES RAMOS AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, SERVING AS ADVISERS.
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